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1. The Chinese Communists plan to issue the following winter equipment to each soldier in Korea: A fur coat or padded gown; a cotton-padded uniform; one fur or cotton-padded hat; two pairs of wool or cotton socks; one pair of leather or padded shoes; and one pair of cotton gloves. Each unit will receive 30 catties of coal per soldier.
2. In April 1951 the Supply and Service Command of the Chinese Communist Army Headquarters began preparations to issue winter equipment, using the slogan "We must not let a single man get frostbitten." In August it issued a slogan guaranteeing the issue of winter equipment on time. As of 15 September it was urging the military supply department and the transport department to procure and ship winter equipment early.
3. Since late August several consignments of winter equipment have been shipped to North Korea. One including fur hats and boots was from the Northeast, and another was from Peiping. A consignment from the Northwest which was in Central and East China was to be assembled in Peiping and Tientsin before shipment to Korea. The Supply and Service Command has estimated that a total of 34,000 tons of winter equipment was to be sent to Korea, and that all should be shipped before 20 October.

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